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SUBJECT: ECOSOC AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REFS: (A) GENEVA 6321; (B) MEXICO 12385; (C) GENEVA 6322

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM YOUR REPORTS AND TELECONS THAT (1) YOU BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AFFIRMATIVE ECOSOC ACTION ON U.S. PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS, INCLUDING EXTENSION OF WORKING GROUP AND DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO CONVENE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WHEN THE WORKING GROUP'S PREPARATION PERMIT; (2) THAT G-77 WILL NOT AGREE TO SET ANY SPECIFIC DATE FOR A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE; (3) THAT EVENTS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY TO CONCLUSION BY TOMORROW; AND (4) YOU DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO CIRCULATE INFORMALLY THIS MORNING DRAFT
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RESOLUTION REFTEL (A).

2. CONSIDERING ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CONCLUDE THAT RESOLUTION ON THE LINES REFTEL WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE RESULT AT THIS STAGE OF OUR WORK, AND WE URGE YOU TO WORK MOST ENERGETICALLY FOR ITS ADOPTION.

3. WE MUST CAUTION THAT ALTERNATIVE MEXICAN FORMULATIONS (REF. B) FOR FINAL PARAGRAPH OF RESOLUTION ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS THEY PREJUDGE LEGAL CHARACTER AND EFFECT OF CODE OF CONDUCT. WE HAVE SO ADVISED GOM AND SUGGESTED THAT SUCH WORDS AS "ARRANGEMENTS," "MEASURES," "FRAMEWORK," OR "AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "RULES," "LEGAL FRAMEWORK," OR "REGULATING FRAMEWORK." GOM APPEARS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT ANY OF THESE SUGGESTIONS. THIS PARAGRAPH APPEARS REDUNDANT OF FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF RESOLUTION AND SHOULD BE DROPPED IF POSSIBLE. IN ANY EVENT, WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY STRENGTHENING OF LINKAGE TO CODE OF CONDUCT IMPLIED IN THIS PARAGRAPH. VANCE

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